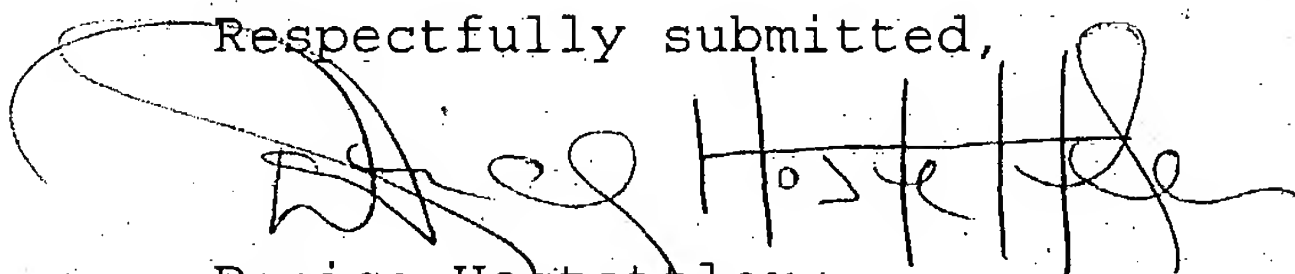


Remarks

This application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Application 09/731,467, filed December 7, 2000. Support for the amendment to the claims can be found in the specification, for example, at page 8, line 19 through page 10, line 4. Applicants assert that no new matter has been added by way of the amendments. Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully request consideration and passage of this application to issue.

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